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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On March 5, 2007, James P. Ghiglieri II will be  
3 installed as Chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of  
4 America, the nation's largest association of community banks,  
5 representing over 5,000 members in over 18,000 locations, and  
6 employing over 260,000 people; and

7 WHEREAS, In his role as Chairman Mr. Ghiglieri will be the  
8 top spokesman for the nation's community banks, fighting for  
9 fair competition, diversification of financial resources, and  
10 the viability of American communities; and

11 WHEREAS, In the year 1919, a young Italian immigrant named  
12 Bernard (Barney) Ghiglieri, at the age of 24 established a  
13 community bank in the coal mining town of Toluca, Illinois in  
14 order to provide loans to the working class families of Toluca,  
15 pooling their savings in order to make loans for them to  
16 establish homes, raise families and start businesses,  
17 obtaining credit based not just on their ability to pay, but  
18 also on their character; and

19 WHEREAS, "Barney" Ghiglieri established his own roots in  
20 the small and friendly town, raising his own family, including  
21 a son, James I, who, as a young adult, worked at the bank,  
22 eventually becoming its president; and

1           WHEREAS, Jim Ghiglieri I continued his father's tradition  
2 of deep involvement in the community and all of its civic  
3 activities; he rose to become president of Illinois' only bank  
4 trade association, fighting for the continued viability of  
5 Illinois' community banks and all they represented to small  
6 town economic life; and

7           WHEREAS, Jim Ghiglieri I and his wife Dorothy "Dot" raised  
8 their own family in Toluca, including two daughters, Cathy and  
9 Carol, and a son named Jim; and

10           WHEREAS, Jim Ghiglieri II rose to become the president of  
11 Toluca's only bank, like his father and grandfather before him;  
12 in the tradition of his father, he gave to his profession by  
13 volunteering his time serving in the leadership of the  
14 Community Bankers Association of Illinois, the largest banking  
15 association in Illinois, and the only Illinois banking  
16 association which exclusively represents Illinois' community  
17 banks; and

18           WHEREAS, Jim Ghiglieri II became the Chairman of the  
19 Community Bankers Association of Illinois, serving his  
20 profession while continuing his deep involvement with his  
21 community and his family, which consists of his wife, Mary Kay,  
22 his sons Matthew and James III, and his daughter, Kristin; and

1           WHEREAS, All of Jim's family, co-workers, neighbors, and  
2 peers consider Jim Ghiglieri II an outstanding banker, citizen,  
3 professional, and father who is highly deserving of this honor;  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 warmly congratulate James P. Ghiglieri on his appointment as  
8 Chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of America, and  
9 his continued commitment to his profession; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to James P. Ghiglieri II, as a symbol of our esteem.